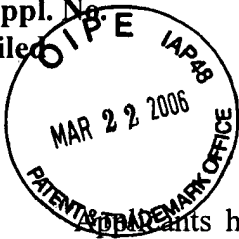


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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Applicants hereby submit the enclosed substitute specification in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(b). Applicants hereby state that the substitute specification includes no new matter. Applicants have also enclosed a clean copy of the substitute specification. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(c) the substitute specification is submitted with markings (strike through and underlining) showing all the changes made to the specification.

In accordance with rule 1.125(b) applicant may submit a substitute specification “at any point up to payment of the issue fee if it is accompanied by a statement that the substitute specification includes no new matter.” 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(b). M.P.E.P. § 608.01(q) states that the “Office **will accept** a substitute specification voluntarily filed by the applicant if the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(b) are satisfied.” (emphasis added)

Because Applicants have satisfied the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(b), the substitute specification should be entered.

Applicants submit this substitute specification in order to add text to this application from U.S. Application No. 09/231,409, now U.S. Patent No. 6,282,517, which was incorporated by reference at the time of filing of this application. The reason for this is that Applicants plan to add claims either to this application or to a continuation application which may benefit from the subject matter which is incorporated by reference. While the incorporated by reference subject matter is already part of this application, Applicants hereby add text from U.S. Patent No. 6,282,517, out of an abundance of caution, in order to make it clear that the incorporated by reference subject matter is part of this application.